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## Fort Wayne Komets game to celebrate Wabash County

Wabash County “will be the MVP” at the Fort Wayne Komets game on Friday, April 8 during Wabash County Night at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. The game time is 8 p.m. The game will feature the vocal talents of Mackenzie Sheridan, a Wabash native and vocal performance major at Manchester University, singing the National Anthem. Other events throughout the evening will celebrate the people and businesses of Wabash County, including Zamboni rides, the air siren to pump up the crowd and more. In addition to being in the spotlight during the game, Wabash County businesses and community members can get into the game for a reduced price. While supplies last, tickets may be purchased for \$17 per ticket by visiting [www.fevo.me/wabashnight](http://www.fevo.me/wabashnight) or emailing [mitch@komets.com](mailto:mitch@komets.com) or calling 260-482-6812. Wabash County businesses who want to rent out booth space for game day can do so by emailing [mitch@komets.com](mailto:mitch@komets.com).

## Medical screening event coming Saturday, April 9

Residents will have the opportunity to learn about their risks for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with “affordable” screenings by Life Line Screening. The community event is set for Saturday, April 9 at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. Screenings may check for the level of plaque buildup in arteries related to the risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis; kidney and thyroid function; and more. Free parking is also available.

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# Unoccupied home destroyed by fire early Saturday morning

WFD: Neighboring house also sustained minor damage due to heat, water

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A structure fire early Saturday morning left one unoc-

cupied home destroyed and a neighboring house with minor damage.

The Wabash Fire Department (WFD) was dispatched to a report of a structure fire at 5:40 a.m. in the 100 block of North Huntington Street, said chief Barry Stroup.

“First arriving units observed a two-story unoccupied house, fully involved,”

said Stroup. “A house located close to the structure sustained minor damage due to the heat from the fire and water being used to extinguish the fire and protect the close exposure.”

Stroup said the fire was extinguished and all crews were back in service as of 10:24 a.m.

“Damage is estimated at a

total loss,” said Stroup.

Stroup said the WFD is investigating the cause and origin of the fire “which appears to have started in an unknown area.”

“The cause of the fire is under investigation,” said Stroup.

On Monday, Stroup said there were no injuries sustained by first responders

who fought the blaze and that “our photos are for investigative purpose only.”

No further information was available as of press time. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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# Michael Cavanaugh brings the music of Billy Joel and Elton John



Provided photo

Michael Cavanaugh will be bringing the music of Billy Joel and Elton John at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7 to the Honeywell Center.

Star of the Broadway show ‘Movin’ Out’ brings renditions of classics to Honeywell Center

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

If you’re a fan of the music of Billy Joel and Elton John, a show coming this week to Wabash should be on your calendar.

Michael Cavanaugh will be bringing the music of these two musical icons at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7 to the Honeywell Center.

“Handpicked by Billy Joel to star in Broadway’s ‘Movin’ Out,’ Michael Cavanaugh has become the new voice of the American rock ‘n’ roll songbook,” said Honeywell Arts & Entertainment public relations specialist.

You’ll hear the greatest hits of piano legends Billy Joel and Elton John, including ‘Piano Man,’ ‘Rocket Man,’ ‘Bennie and the Jets,’ ‘My Life’ and of course, ‘Movin’ Out.”

Tickets are \$38 and may be purchased by calling 260-563-1102 or by visiting [www.honeywellarts.org](http://www.honeywellarts.org).

During a recent phone interview, Cavanaugh said the COVID-19 pandemic had caused significant challenges to his performing career.

“It decimated it for a year and a half. We started doing stuff again in September and by October it’s been pretty busy actually. We’ve been

happy to be back at it,” said Cavanaugh. “I’m looking forward to getting to know everybody there.”

During a recent phone interview, Cavanaugh took the time to discuss his early musical career, catching Joel’s eye when he was working at a piano bar and the challenges and benefits of performing for private audiences.

## Musical beginnings

Cavanaugh said his parents bought him a piano when he was 7 years old.

“I was immediately all over the thing and just trying to figure it out,” he said. “Trying to make up songs.

Trying to learn songs by ear. I was already singing around the house. I think I started singing around the house when I was 4.”

Cavanaugh said his parents had previously bought him a snare drum when he was 5 or 6, which he “loved” but one day “magically disappeared.”

“I think my parents thought that was too loud. I still don’t know what happened to that honestly. I wound up playing drums later anyway,” he said.

Cavanaugh said a few years he put his first band together

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# CommuniKate: ArtAlive comes to Manchester

Improv comic to perform a story of self-exploration, self-discovery on April 11

By CHLOE LECKRONE

Manchester University will host improvisational comic Kate Billingsley in “CommuniKate: ArtAlive,” an interactive one-woman show that brings to life artists and their work, as part of the

University’s Values, Ideas and the Arts (VIA) series.

“CommuniKate: ArtAlive” is 11 a.m. Monday, April 11 in Cordier Auditorium and is open to the public. Admission is free.

It will also be live-streamed on MU’s Facebook page, by visiting [www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv](http://www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv).

The 50-minute performance will be followed by a question and answer session.

Having spent seven years living in Europe, Billings-

ley incorporates characters based on people she has met into her portrait of a young American moving to Spain. The show has been performed at The Second City in Chicago and The People’s Improv Theater in New York City.

Billingsley will also lead an improv-based activism workshop for students on campus.

Chloe Leckrone is a communications and media relations intern at MU.



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Manchester University will host improvisational comic Kate Billingsley in “CommuniKate: ArtAlive,” an interactive one-woman show that brings to life artists and their work.

# Early voting begins for primary elections

All registered Indiana voters are eligible to vote absentee in-person

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At Monday’s Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting, the voting locations were approved for next month’s primary elections.

Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper said the Tuesday, May 3 primary elections “are for the two major parties of the state of Indiana to choose their candidates.”

Draper said voters must declare themselves to be either a member of the Republican or Democratic parties to receive a ballot. “Today is the beginning of primary election

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# City plans annual spring clean-up

Street Department plans operations from Monday, April 25 through Friday, April 30

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The city’s annual spring clean-up has been once again planned for later this month.

The Wabash spring clean-up will begin at 6 a.m. Monday, April 25 and will last through Friday, April 30, said street department superintendent Scott Richardson.

Richardson said all items should be curbside on the day of the weekly trash route. Trash piles should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet.

“The Street Department will try to stay on schedule,” said Richardson. “Due to weather or heavy volume,

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# Charley Creek Gardens to host Bunny Bash

Free Easter-themed crafts and activities planned

STAFF REPORT

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will present the annual Bunny Bash festival from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 16 at the Charley Creek Gardens, 551 N. Miami St., according to public relations specialist Michele DeVinney.

The event will feature free family-friendly activities

in celebration of the Easter holiday. Activities at Bunny Bash include petting a bunny and egg dyeing courtesy of Purdue Extension and Wabash County 4-H, a visit with the Easter Bunny, a treasure hunt in the Gardens and craft activities which will include a coffee filter butterfly, Easter egg maracas and wet chalk Easter egg art.

“Parents are encouraged to bring their camera to snap a photo of their child with the bigger than a life-sized bunny rabbit, which will be happy to pose for

pictures as he greets all his visitors and hands out sweet treats,” said DeVinney.

Charley Creek Gardens is a nonprofit horticulture center dedicated to the study, conservation, and appreciation of plants, both native and foreign, through garden displays and education.

Parking is available at 518 N. Wabash St. or Wabash High School.

Bunny Bash is sponsored by Guenin Law Office, P.C.

For more information, visit [www.honeywellarts.org/bunny](http://www.honeywellarts.org/bunny).

# GWC, Manchester University to host author, speaker Mary Miller

‘Course Corrections: Crucial Choices that Determine Direction and Destiny’ is set for Monday, April 25

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County (GWC) and Manchester University’s Arthur L. Gilbert School of Business are partnering to bring author, business owner and motivational speaker, Mary Miller to Wabash County, according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse.

Miller will facilitate an afternoon workshop entitled “Course Corrections: Crucial Choices that Determine

Direction and Destiny” at 1 p.m. Monday, April 25, in the GWC conference room, 214 S. Wabash St.

Miller is the CEO and owner of JANCOA and has become a successful author, speaker and coach, focusing primarily on the topics of building sustainable systems for inspiring individuals to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams and mastering the balance between professional and personal lives.

During April 25’s workshop, Miller will discuss how companies can stand out in the competitive job market, become agents of inspiration for their current employees, as well as how to balance expectations with reality while inspiring team members to work to their

fullest potential.

“Grow Wabash County prides itself on tailoring our programming to the interests and needs of our investors to help them grow and thrive in Wabash County,” said GWC president and CEO Keith Gillenwater. “Workshops like these are a great way to encourage our investors to connect while learning best practices and finding new ways to stimulate growth and success in their companies and organizations.”

This event is free for Grow Wabash County investors to attend and \$15 for non-investors.

To register, visit [www.growwabashcounty.com/millerworkshop](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/millerworkshop) or email [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com).

## VOTING

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season,” said Indiana Secretary of State Holli Sullivan, on Tuesday. “Over the next 28 days, Hoosiers can vote early, in-person before Primary Election Day. I encourage every registered voter to take advantage of the early-voting window and cast their ballot at a time that is convenient for them. Indiana continues to lead the way when it comes to conducting accessible elections.”

All registered Indiana voters are eligible to vote absentee in-person. Voters who choose to vote by mail may request an absentee ballot online at [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com) or from their county clerk’s office. Request for absentee ballots by mail must be delivered by Thursday, April 21.

Sullivan said military families are encouraged to remind those serving overseas to request an absentee ballot in advance of the deadline.

More than half of Indiana counties now offer vote centers, including Wabash County, which allow voters to cast a ballot at any polling location in their county. Hoosier voters may visit [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com) to view a sample ballot and check their voting locations and hours for early voting. A valid photo ID is required to vote absentee in-person.

In Wabash County, early voting will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays through Monday, May 2 in the clerk’s office at the Wabash County Judicial Center, 59 W Hill St. The office will be closed Friday, April 15 for Good Friday.

On Election Day, in-person voting will take place from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 3 at Zion Lutheran Church, 173 Hale Drive; First United Methodist Church, 110 N Cass St.; Town Life Center

603 N Bond St., North Manchester; Lagro Town Hall, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro; and Pleasant Township Fire Department, 10459 N Ogden Road, Laketon.

Before Election Day, in-person may also be completed from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 23 and Saturday, April 30 at

the Wabash County Clerk’s Office; Saturday, April 23 and Saturday, April 30 at the Town Life Center; Saturday, April 23 at Woodlawn Methodist Church, 151 N. 2nd St., Somerset; and Saturday, April 30 at the Lafontaine Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, 12 S. Wabash Ave.

The following candidates are on this year’s primary election ballot for Wabash County voters:

- U.S. Senator: Republican Todd Young and Democrat Thomas M. McDermott, Jr.
- U.S. Representative: Republican Jackie Walorski and Democrat Paul D. Steury.
- State Senator District 17: Republican Andy Zay.
- State Representative District 22 (Pleasant Township candidate): Republicans Curt Nisly and Craig Snow, and Democrat Dee M. Moore.
- State Representative District 50 (Wabash County except for Pleasant Township): Republicans Daniel J (Dan) Leonard and Lorissa Sweet, and Democrat Tammari L. (Tammy) Ingalls.
- Judge of the Circuit Court, 27th Judicial Circuit: Republican Robert R. McCallen III.
- Prosecuting Attorney, 27th Judicial Circuit: Republican William C. Hartley Jr.
- Wabash County Circuit Court Clerk: Republican Lori Draper.
- Wabash County Recorder: Republican Eric Rish.
- Wabash County Sheriff: Republican Ryan Baker.
- Wabash County Assessor: Republican Kelly Schenkel.
- Wabash County Commissioner District 2: Republican Jeff Dawes and Democrat Travis Leon Hendricks.
- Wabash County Council District 1: Republican Matthew Mize.
- Wabash County Council District 2: Republican Barbara Pearson.
- Wabash County Council District 3: Republican Sam Hann.
- Wabash County Council District 4: Republican Kyle Bowman.
- Chester Township Trustee: Republican Becca Melton.

- Lagro Township Trustee: Republican Andrew Delong.
- Liberty Township Trustee: Republican Debra Dale.
- Noble Township Trustee: Republican Lori Har-nish.
- Paw Paw Township Trustee: Republican Ashley Cordes.
- Pleasant Township Trustee: Democrat Rebecca (Becky) Ann Warmuth.
- Waltz Township Trustee: Republican Michael Ruse.
- Chester Township Board Member: Republican Chad West.
- Lagro Township Board Member: Republicans Gary Hunter Sr. and Beth E. Gillespie.
- Liberty Township Board Member: Republicans Jon Gillespie, Patricia Godfroy and Ron Huston.
- Noble Township Board Member: Republicans William Plummer, Brenda Hegel and Steve Kirtlan.
- Paw Paw Township Board Member: Republicans Brian D. Baker, Mike Schuler and Scott Dawes.
- Pleasant Township Board Member: Republicans Stan Bagley, David M. Hawkins and Marthene Burnau.
- Waltz Township Board Member: Republicans Megan L. Henderson, Tim Drake and Lyman Lee Smith.
- Republican State Convention Delegate: Matthew N. Burlingame, William (Alex) Downard, Lori Draper, Mark Draper, Bobi K. Gephart, Nathaniel J. Gephart, Amanda F. Hann, Sam Hann, William (Bill) Konyha, Nicholas J. Kopkey, Jennifer Long-Dillon, Russell Reahard, David G. Roe, Nancelyon (Nan) Roe and Lorissa Sweet.
- Democratic State Convention Delegate: Travis L. Hendricks, Tammari L. (Tammy) Ingalls and Jeffrey J. Thompson.
- Democratic Precinct Committeeman, Noble 3: Teresa S. Kattau.
- Democrat Precinct Committeeman, Noble 4: Chad Harris.
- Democrat Precinct Committeeman, Waltz: Tammari L. (Tammy) Ingalls.

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### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Wednesday</b> Showers Likely 59 / 40	 <b>Thursday</b> Chance Showers 51 / 36	 <b>Friday</b> Few Showers 45 / 34	 <b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy 44 / 32	 <b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy 59 / 45
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 8:12 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:17 a.m.

 First 4/9	 Full 4/16	 Last 4/23	 New 4/30
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 90% chance of showers, high temperature of 59°, humidity of 74%. South southwest wind 10 to 13 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 40°. Southwest wind 7 to 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 38°.

## CAVANAUGH

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with just keyboards and his friend who was a drummer to play a fifth grade talent show.

“We played a couple of Rolling Stones songs, just instrumentally. I had this little Casio keyboard. It had little mini keys. A little white thing. It was probably at the most two feet wide. We played and the girls screamed and I thought, ‘Hmmm I’ve never heard that before and I’m not sure there’s any other way I’ll hear it again, so I think I’m going to stick with music,’” he said.

Cavanaugh said it was around this time he knew he wanted to play music as a career.

“By the time I was a teenager I knew that it’s what I wanted to do for the living whether I was living on Park Avenue or a park bench. I knew I was a musician. I knew that was what I was born to do. I started playing very early and I was playing in nightclubs really early. It’s kind of crazy when I think about it now,” he said.

Cavanaugh said he was nervous to sing in front of his friends, more than anyone.

“I don’t think I’ve ever been more nervous than that,” he said. “You’re afraid that your friends are going to laugh at you. Once I got over that, then it was fine. I didn’t really get nervous. I don’t get nervous too much anymore, (unless) it’s a unique circumstance,” he said.

‘Movin’ Out’

Cavanaugh said he grew up as a “huge fan” of both Billy Joel and Elton John, “but I would say Billy mainly.”

“I literally camped in the snow to get tickets to his show,” he said. “I used to say when I was a kid, ‘I’m not just going to meet him, I’m going to know him.’ I was just saying that as a

17-year-old kid who didn’t know what he was talking about.”

Cavanaugh said years later he was working in a piano bar in Las Vegas, not unlike the protagonist of Joel’s famous song, “Piano Man.” By this time Cavanaugh was a married father. He happened to have a friend in common with Joel’s tour manager who decided to surprise him at work one night.

“He brings Billy to the piano bar to hear me and my life started changing after that,” he said. “A couple months later I get a call about a project in New York. They don’t know what it is. It might become a Broadway show.”

Cavanaugh said they flew him to New York City to meet with famed choreographer Twyla Tharp who had conceived of the “Movin’ Out” Broadway show.

“Even though I had already won Billy over, I still had to win her over,” he said. “I was the piano man. I sang all the songs. That was the most amazing and the most difficult thing I’ve ever done. It was incredible. It was one of the most amazing. Performing on stage with orchestras is amazing. I would say it’s similar. It was six days a week. It was tough. But it was incredible. It changed my life. It was definitely the hardest thing I’ve ever done. It made me tough, that’s for sure. Sink or swim.”

Private vs. public events

In addition to the public events Cavanaugh performs, such as his upcoming Wabash show, he is also a staple of the private events circuit.

“A lot of them are in places like Hawaii, which is always great,” he said.

Cavanaugh said doing public shows where he is forming the music of Billy Joel and Elton John, “people come to that and they immediately want to hear what we’re doing.”

“Or they’ll know me. And it’s great because they’re

ready for what we’re about to do,” he said. “If I do a corporate event, these people may be from any part of the world. They may know I am. They may not know who I am. So I’m kind of starting from zero. And fortunately, I’ve been doing it a long time and I’ve gotten very comfortable with it to where a few songs in they’re like, ‘Hey, this is cool.’”

Cavanaugh said at a corporate event, he might go in many different directions as far as the music he’s going to play depending on the audience in front of him.

“Sometimes I’ll do a corporate event and the crowd, the average age is 60. And sometimes the average age is 30. So that’s very, very different,” he said. “Or if the crowd is in their 40s I’ll start cranking out some ‘90s stuff. I know they’re going to love that. And if it’s a rowdy crowd we’re going to be playing Blink 182. We’ll be playing all kinds of stuff like that.”

Cavanaugh said he performs corporate events in many different configurations.

“Sometimes I do them solo. Sometimes I do them with the full band and the full orchestra,” he said. “When we do a corporate event with a full orchestra we have to pre-plan what we’re going to do because the orchestra is reading music.”

Cavanaugh said he’ll even slip in some original songs if the mood feels right.

“Usually just one or two. And I’ll do it once I’ve gotten to know the audience, once they’ve gotten to know me,” he said. “And then I’ll say, ‘Hey if it’s OK with you I’m going to play an original song.’ And so far every time they’re ready for it. They’re excited to hear it and we do it and it’s great and we go back to something that they know, something that they know every word to.”

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## CLEAN-UP

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they may run behind. If this happens, please be patient and your items will be picked up.”

For residents not wanting to place items on the curb-side, a Dumpster will be available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, April 25 through Friday, April 30, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District (WCSWMD), 1101 Manchester Ave.

“Proof of city residence will be required,” said Richardson.

Richardson said the Street Department will not accept batteries, paint, petroleum products, chemical, televisions, computers and other electronic devices, tires, appliances with Freon, loose shingles, drywall or plaster.

“These problem waste items are not accepted at the landfill and should be dropped off at the (WCSWMD) without a fee. The (WCSWMD) does not accept trash,” said Richardson.

Mayor’s coordinator Ma-

ria Smyth said the average for spring cleanup is approximately 170 to 200 tons. The fall clean-up averages between 100 to 135 tons.

Smyth said those who participate should be considerate of those who will have to deal with the refuse.

“There are many that do not understand the full impact of spring and fall clean-up for our Street Department workers,” said Smyth.

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# Obituaries

## North Manchester Center for History hosting IHS’s traveling exhibit Auto Indiana

The ‘ride through Indiana’s rich automotive past’ will be on display through Friday, April 29

STAFF REPORT

North Manchester Center for History is hosting Auto Indiana, one of the Indiana Historical Society’s (IHS’s) traveling exhibits, through Friday,

April 29 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester, according to director Laura Rager. “The exhibit ... takes visitors on a ride through Indiana’s rich automotive past,” said Rager. Rager said Auto Indiana explores the mark Indiana’s inventors and innovators such as Elwood Haynes and Ralph Teetor and automakers such as Studebaker and Duesen-

berg left on the industry – and vice versa. “The exhibit also illuminates ties between automobiles and the development of many other economic opportunities for the ‘Crossroads of America,’ such as the iron, steel and glass businesses. In addition, it explores how the automobile became part of the American Dream and popular culture, from movies

to making personal memories,” said Rager. “Finally, the exhibit allows guests to gaze down the road ahead for Hoosiers, from the environmental impact of automobiles to a look at manufacturing today.” Auto Indiana is made possible by Kroger. For more information, call 260-982-0672 or visit [www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org](http://www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org).

## Tickets for Cocktail Mixology Class are now on sale

Tickets are \$25 per person and participants must be 21 years of age or older

STAFF REPORT

Visit Wabash County has announced a new experience, the Cocktail Mixology Class will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28 and Thursday, May 4 in

partnership with Gallery 64, according to executive director Christine Flohr. “A first of its kind, Visit Wabash County has created an interactive experience which will engage participants in the art of making signature cocktails,” said Flohr. “The class is slated to last an hour and a half with plenty of time to enjoy the cocktails and Gallery 64 exclusive appetizers.” Tickets are \$25 per person and participants must be 21

years of age or older. “We wanted to create an experience that was completely different than anything else we have ever offered before,” said Visit Wabash County visitor experiences manager Stephanie Rogers. “Everyone remembers Tom Cruise in the movie ‘Cocktail’ entertaining people with his drink-making skills, so that became the inspiration behind this event.” Guests will learn the art of cocktail making, garnish-

ing, presentation, and history while sipping on three different drinks. “We couldn’t execute events like the Cocktail Mixology Class if it weren’t for our sponsors and partners,” said Rogers. “Dr. Kroft believes in the importance of supporting community events and his practice, Kroft Chiropractic, is the title sponsor for the event.” For more information, visit [VisitWabashCounty.com/our-events](http://VisitWabashCounty.com/our-events).

## When to check out of the discourse

Will Smith smacked Chris Rock at the Oscars – you could live in a cave and still know about this, and be subject to the blizzard of opinions about it.

Kathryn Lopez



This incident exposed the depths of my phone addiction as I clicked on link after link to articles that had just about zero impact

on anyone’s life. The media frenzy was a bit like a siren warning us all to step away from our screens. And it’s a timely alarm. We’re about to enter some of the holiest days of the year. Holy Week, Easter, Passover, and Ramadan overlap a bit each spring. Not everyone reading this is Christian, but I suspect, unless you have a deep hostility toward the religion – possibly encouraged by Christians behaving badly – you probably wouldn’t mind having Christian neighbors who take their faith

seriously. Right now, I don’t think the world is overwhelmed with Christians living for their faith. But the final days of Lent are an opportunity for us to do better – to remember what it is Christians are called to. The Gospels are radical, and show us the possibilities of self-sacrificial love. Christ’s message is life-giving. It forgets the self out of love for the other. It is based in service and in reflection. Father Donald Haggerty is a priest of the Archdiocese of New York currently assigned to St. Patrick’s Cathedral. He’s the author of many beautiful books on prayer, his latest being “Saint John of the Cross: Master of Contemplation.” Written during the coronavirus shutdown, it was a labor of love and gratitude. Haggerty became familiar with St. John of the Cross in seminary, and the spiritual master has been a guide to him ever since. Haggerty contends that exposure to the saint’s writings “can change our lives permanently.” He writes

that “The soul itself becomes more contemplative as we give ourselves more fully to God, just as it becomes more wise, more charitable, more humble.” Frankly, clicking on every tempting link on our phones sounds like the complete opposite of this, with the opposite effect. It’s good to know what is going on in the world, but we should beware when it distracts us from the bigger picture. In the introduction to his new book, Father Haggerty relays a story of a Carmelite sister who once told St. John of the Cross that whenever she passed the pond in the monastery garden where she lived, she noticed the frogs on the edge of the pond would leap in to hide from her as they heard her approach. Haggerty writes: The saint “replied that these frogs were going to the place where they were most secure. “They preserved themselves by plunging into the depths of the water. He advised her to do likewise. She, too, should flee from creatures

and descend into the depths where God is hiding, and where she could conceal her life in him.” Now, of course, most of us do not live in monasteries, nor are we called to be hermits, as tempting as it may be some days. But we need to fight for quiet. If we claim to be religious, we must commit to spending time with God alone. That is how we come to love like God. That is how we come to know what love truly is. And at this time of a return to somewhat “normal,” consider what is good and what is poisonous about that concept. Don’t seek false securities and conscience-numbing habits. Let your life be changed by a little silence with God every day in a new way. Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan’s pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at [klopez@nationalreview.com](mailto:klopez@nationalreview.com).

## The slap, the rumors, Denzel Washington’s wise words

Moments after the Academy Awards slap heard ‘round the world, Will Smith huddled during a commercial break with Denzel Washington,

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the rare Hollywood superstar who has – after years in hot press spotlights – emerged as a mentor on issues of faith and family. But Smith appeared to have Washington on his mind during his emotional remarks after winning the Oscar for his work in “King Richard.” Smith apologized to his peers for slap-punching Chris Rock after his jest about his wife Jada Pinkett Smith’s shaved head. Rock apparently didn’t know she was suffering hair loss from alopecia. “In this moment, I am overwhelmed by what God is calling on me to do and be in this world. ... I’m being called on in my life to love people and to protect people,” said Smith, tears on his face. “I know that to do what we do, you gotta be able to take abuse, you gotta be able to have people talk crazy about you. In this business, you gotta be able to have people disrespecting you. And you gotta smile and pretend that that’s OK.” When Washington offered quiet words of encourage-

ment from offstage, Smith thanked him and added: “Denzel said to me, at the highest moment, be careful – that’s when the devil comes for you.” This was not ordinary Oscars God-talk. This drama triggered waves of social media angst, with critics and millions of viewers debating who to blame for the crisis during an otherwise-meandering show shaped by politics, pandemics, gender, race and low ratings. “Some people appreciate that the ‘King Richard’ actor was rightly defending his wife’s honor, saying Rock went too far when making fun of Pinkett Smith,” noted educator Cerith Gardiner, writing for the Catholic website Aleteia. “Others were appalled by Smith’s violent response to the insensitive joke. Yet, out of all the rapidly forming opinions, there is one voice that made a lot of sense,” wrote Gardiner, referring to Washington. His sobering statement about temptation and fame during this “normally glamorous evening,” she noted, “reminds us that these Hollywood stars, (whom) some hero-worship, have their vulnerabilities and their weaknesses.” It helped to know that comics have been jabbing at the Smiths for years, in part because of constant social media banter about their unconventional – some have said “open” – marriage. There was, for example, this 2013 Facebook comment from Pinkett Smith: “Will and I BOTH can do WHAT-

EVER we want, because we TRUST each other to do so. This does NOT mean we have an open relationship ... this means we have a GROWN one.” Denzel and Pauletta Washington have, in nearly four decades together, survived their own roller coaster ride of Hollywood rumors and speculation. In 1995, they renewed their marriage vows in rites led by South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu. During a 2013 interview with Ebony magazine, Pauletta was blunt, noting: “He’s a sex symbol. Everybody’s around him. And when we’re out, they push me over and run me over to get to him. That part is not so cute. ... I live with this man. I see the down part. I see every part. He has, and knows he has, that stability in me as his wife.” At the same time, Washington has become increasingly vocal about his pilgrimage deeper into the Pentecostal faith of his childhood, when he was raised

as the son of a Church of God in Christ pastor. Time after time, he has publicly linked his vows to God and his wife. What did Washington tell Smith? His words may have echoed his 2019 remarks after receiving the American Film Institute’s Life Achievement Award. The actor thanked his wife for “40 years of sacrifice, 40 years of forgiveness, of talking about faith, spirituality, love, real love, unwavering love in spite of myself. I would not be alive without Pauletta Washington.” The bottom line, said Washington, was an even higher love: “I’m up here to say thank you to God for giving me this ability, for blessing me, for shaping me, for chastising me, for teaching me, for punishing me, for allowing me to be a vessel and touch people around the world.” Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

### Daniel Rassner

Sept. 14, 1944 – April 2, 2022

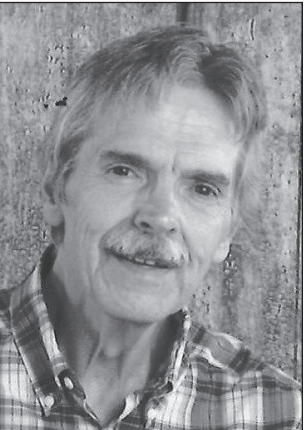
Daniel Rassner, 77, of Peru, passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Blair Ridge Health Campus in Peru.

He was born in Peru on Sept. 14, 1944 to Russell and Lucile (Wray) Rassner. He graduated from Peru High School and Ball State University. He was on the state’s number one tennis team during high school. He was also a gifted stained glass artist.

Danny always practiced perfect English. Anyone who really knew him was there to see what perfect manners were. He was always kind, taking his snow blower around the entire block so people didn’t have to shovel. Also, Danny planned his own funeral. One of his wishes was to have it on the weekend, so that people wouldn’t have to take off work. He always thought of others.

He is survived by his sister Linda Rassner Devine (husband Richard) of Kokomo, nephew Mark Daniel Devine of Kokomo, and nieces Katelyn Devine of Indianapolis, Jessica Devine of Kokomo, great nephew Sean Michael Devine of Kokomo, loved partner Pam Woodhouse of Peru, and cousins Bryce Bigley of Culver, David Bigley of Culver, and Ron Rassner of Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his grandparents David & Margery



Rassner and Sylvester & Berneice Wray; sister, Lori Pierce; niece, Dawn Devine; and cousins Dr. Kathryn Rassner Kolar of Mississippi, and Skip Rassner. He was also preceded by a woman whom we thought of as our grandmother, Stella Carothers.

Visitation will be held from 1pm to 3pm on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru, Indiana. Funeral service will follow at 3pm, with Richard Devine officiating. A private burial will be held at a later date at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scratching Post in Peru, and the American Heart Association.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com).

### Ruby Marceline Walker

Nov. 28, 1926 – April 3, 2022

Ruby Marceline Walker, 95, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 12:56 pm, Sunday, April 3, 2022, at Wellbrooke of Wabash. She was born on Nov. 28, 1926, in Deedsville, Indiana, to Ray M. and Zella May (Kerschner) Robins.

Ruby first married Charles Harshman on Feb. 5, 1944 and he died April 14, 1945, in service during WWII. She then married Robert William Walker on July 31, 1946, and he survives. Ruby was a homemaker and also worked 15 years at General Tire in Wabash. She enjoyed sewing, fishing (and was the best in the family), playing golf, gardening, and playing cards. She and her husband Robert wintered in Homosassa, Florida for 30 years.

She is survived by her husband, Robert W. Walker of Wabash, four children, Judy Kimbrough of Augusta, Georgia, Jerry Walker of Bonita Springs, Florida, Rosetta (Jim) Hamilton of Goshen, Indiana, and Loretta (Mike) Cornwell of Wabash, two sisters, Roseleen Day of Rochester, Indiana, and Gay-thal Boswell of Swayzee, Indiana, eight grandchildren, Jerry J. (Debbie) Walker, Christopher Walker, Amy (Andy) Lewman, Erin (Bill) Baginski, Andrew Hamilton,



Emily (Matt) Roussel, Shelley (Dan) Mulas, and James (Andi) Kimbrough, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandson. She was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and one sister.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm, Friday, April 8, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor John Cook officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Friday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Animal Shelter of Wabash County.

The memorial guest book for Ruby may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### Bonnie L. Reed

Bonnie L. Reed, 84, a lifetime resident of Wabash, Indiana passed away on March 31, 2022. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on April 6, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Visitation for family and friends will be 2 hours prior to the funeral service from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

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# Friend traumatized after woman’s shocking murder

**DEAR ABBY:** A dear friend I have known since we were children was murdered. She was lovely in every way, and I am bereft. I cannot process my grief over her untimely passing because it was accompanied by such trauma. I m a g e s of her murder flash through my mind, especially at night while I’m trying to go to sleep. They also wake me up in the morning. Talking about it makes it worse because it revives the horror, and also because people want to know details as though it is just a story. I feel it is disrespectful to her memory and my affection for her to reduce it to that.

I’m usually a resourceful person, but I have no road map for this. It is of considerable relief that her killer was found, but the details revealed by the media have added to my trauma. I have had friends die at even younger ages from other causes, but not this. Some of our mutual friends are in the same boat as I am, so any guidance you can provide would be appreciated. – Beside Myself In Illinois

**DEAR BESIDE MYSELF:** I am so sorry for your friend’s untimely and tragic death. Clearly, it was shocking and traumatizing for everyone she left behind. You are not obligated to satisfy the curiosity of anyone about the “details.” (There is no limit to the amount of curiosity something like this can generate.) All you have to say is you do not wish to discuss it. Period!

Although you didn’t mention how long it has been since you lost your friend, because it is causing you to have nightmares, please discuss this with a licensed mental health professional. It may be painful, but it’s the most effective way to work through this.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating my partner, “Lizzie,” for five years. We are both divorced and have created a blended family of six children (four are hers; two are mine). I’m within 10 years of retirement and have a decent net worth. Unfortunately, Lizzie has no savings and is unemployed.

During our time together, I have paid for everything, which I’m OK with. I previously went through a nasty, contentious divorce. It was financially devastating. My ex still brings me back to court every year in an attempt to increase her support, which is a painful process.

Lizzie would like us to get married, primarily for financial stability. I am resistant because I do not want the financial exposure of another divorce. However, this situation creates an inequality in our relationship. Can I address her concern without marrying her, or are we doomed? – Scared Of Court In California

**DEAR SCARED:** This is a question you should address with your attorney. There are ways you can ensure that Lizzie will be taken care of in the event of your death or incapacity, but they will require documentation. Your attorney can – and should – guide you in regard to this.

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Dear Abby



## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Funny one
- 4 Mocking comment
- 8 Pack down
- 12 Fish roe
- 13 Winged god
- 14 Speeds off
- 15 Symbol of might
- 16 Berets
- 17 Lotto info
- 18 Go furtively
- 20 Seize forcibly
- 21 Region of India
- 23 Quagmire
- 24 Refrigerator stick
- 27 Sharp projection
- 29 Yang complement
- 32 Explosive noise
- 33 Big flap
- 34 — of Base
- 35 Packing slip
- 36 Gridiron stats
- 37 Shampoo additive
- 38 Cloudy region

### DOWN

- 1 Courts
- 2 — the Terrible
- 3 Accept
- 4 Small lizard
- 5 Glass or Gershwin
- 6 Move jauntily
- 7 Curving curve

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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8	6	7	4	9	2	3	1	5
5	9	2	8	1	3	4	6	7
3	1	4	7	6	5	8	9	2
7	2	6	3	4	1	5	8	9
9	8	1	5	2	7	6	4	3
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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LITUG

RDEVOO

SOPOEP

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“ ”

Jumbles: WEARY STRUM SHAKEN PALLET

Answer: After their children were able to leave home, the eagle parents were — EMPTY NESTERS

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I thought we lost all this stuff!

I knew when the ladder was missing I'd find you where you should be.

THE TWINS GOT IN TROUBLE A LOT BECAUSE THEY WERE OFTEN ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“You talked to it too much.”

## BEETLE BAILEY

THE GENERAL DOESN'T WANT TO SEE YOU

YOU'RE MISTAKEN. I THINK HE'S EXPECTING ME

I GUESS HE REALLY WAS EXPECTING ME

## BLONDIE

I BET YOU'D LOVE TO GET BEHIND THE WHEEL OF THIS BABY!

YOU JUST MADE ME THINK OF SOMETHING FUNNY...

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHY CAR SALESMEN CALL CARS 'BABY'

LISTEN! ARE YOU GONNA BUY THE CAR OR WHAT?

## HI & LOIS

HOW DO PLANTS KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME TO START GROWING AGAIN?

SUNBEAM SENDS THEM A SIGNAL!

## BC

POLAR BEARS CLUB

WOO! REFRESHING!

IT'S APRIL, FELLAS. NOT EXACTLY THAT COLD.

KODIAK BEARS CLUB

## WIZARD OF ID

Z

SNOOZE BUTTON

I DON'T THINK THAT CONSTITUTES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

## DILBERT

I KNOW YOU'RE JUST A ROBOT, BUT I'M DEVELOPING FEELINGS FOR YOU.

I THINK IT'S BECAUSE YOU LISTEN TO ME, AND THAT MAKES ME FEEL IMPORTANT.

I ONLY PRETEND TO LISTEN. THAT'S PERFECT. I DON'T WANT SUGGESTIONS.

## GARFIELD

ODIE AND JON ARE PLAYING CHESS

IT'S ALWAYS A TOUGH MATCH...

AND ODIE WINS AGAIN! HE ATE MY KING!

## FORT KNOX

I HEARD YOU GAVE UP BULLYING, KURT. WORD TRAVELS FAST, BETTY.

WELL, I ADMIRE MAKING SUCH A BIG CHANGE.

ENOUGH TO GO TO THE SPRING PANCE WITH ME?

ENOUGH NOT TO TELL MY PAP YOU ASKED.

## PICKLES

GO GET THE BALL, ROSCOE!

ATTABOY!

GRAMPA, WHAT KIND OF DOG IS ROSCOE?

WELL, APPARENTLY HE'S PART SPIT BULL.

# Angelic powers come straight from God

**Q:** Are angels still operating today, and if so, are there enough to go around and should we worship them as they watch over us? — Billy Graham

**A:** Some Biblical scholars believe that angels can be numbered potentially in the millions since Hebrews 12:22 speaks of “an innumerable company of angels” (myriads — a great but indefinite number). Theologian Matthew Henry called angels the chariots of God. King David impressively notes, “The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands” (Psalm 68:17). The great empire of angels is as vast as God’s creation. They crisscross the Old and New Testaments, being mentioned directly or indirectly nearly 300 times. Angels are not just men-

tioned in past tense. The Bible says that “the Lord Jesus [shall be] revealed from heaven with His mighty angels” (2 Thessalonians 1:7). Think of it! Multitudes of angels, indescribably mighty, performing the commands of Heaven as though an extension of the arm of God. Singly or corporately, angels are for real. They are better organized than were the armies of Alexander the Great, Napoleon, or any other mighty world power. Angelic powers come straight from God and He commands them at His will.

But they should never be worshipped. God has given “his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up” (Psalm 91:11-12, RSV). This is the miracle work of the Lord, but He alone is to be worshiped.

Angels participated in the dazzling show when the morning stars sang together at creation; so will the innumerable hosts of Heaven help bring to pass God’s prophetic declarations throughout time and into eternity. This should bring great hope to the hearts of people today.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ M D T I B C W L D M C Y M C G J X M K B  
U B V M P B V G J O W E A . M T G W U V B V B P  
O M L D M L . M X B T I B G J D W Z V B  
W C X J O D B C M ' G K W E N B P L W . ”  
— T V M T T E Y B C L W

Previous Solution: “I’m a great-great-great-grandson of Stephen F. Austin. He founded Austin, Texas, which is kind of cool.” — Jesse Plemons

TODAY’S CLUE: J S I E M B N



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Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.  
**Ephesians 4:31-32**

# Biden’s tax proposals are a step in the right direction

Since Joe Biden entered the Oval Office, the president and his party have tried but failed to meaningfully raise taxes on corporations or wealthy individuals. The Build Back Better bill – which, for a time, was the centerpiece of Biden’s domestic agenda – included a minimum tax rate on corporations worth over a billion dollars, for example, and a tax increase on top income earners. But while the bill passed the House, it was ultimately torpedoed by Senator Joe Manchin, Democrat of West Virginia.

Now, the midterms are fast approaching, and Democrats are probably running out of time to take advantage of their majority in Congress. And after bemoaning the Trump tax cuts since they were enacted in 2017, it’s time for Democrats to actually do something about them before it’s too late.

Last week, Biden unveiled his 2023 budget. And though it’s far from perfect, it included at least

three relatively modest but promising tax proposals that Congress ought to take up. The first two have been supported, in some form, by the president before. One is to raise marginal tax rates on top income earners – specifically, households making at least \$400,000 – from 37 percent to 39.6 percent. The other is to raise the corporate tax rate to 28 percent, up from the current 21 percent.

But the third tax proposal in the president’s budget is new to his agenda: a minimum tax on the ultra-rich – people who are worth \$100 million or more. It’s not exactly the same kind of wealth tax that this editorial board has supported before, because it does not directly tax a person’s holdings in stocks, yachts, Rembrandts, and the like. Instead, it taxes the unrealized gains in the value of such assets at a minimum rate of 20 percent. In other words, it expands the definition of income to include unrealized earnings – or the increase in wealth – an

important step to raising more revenue from the richest Americans, since they don’t generally grow their wealth through traditional incomes.

Here’s an example of the problem the proposal aims to fix: In 2007, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos paid no federal income tax. That same year, Amazon’s stock value more than doubled. Under Biden’s tax proposal, Bezos would have owed taxes on the increase in his stock value, which dramatically grew his wealth.

Biden’s approach is more likely to pass muster in the courts than a direct tax on wealth, which some experts suggest might be deemed unconstitutional (though no court has yet ruled on that). And it’s more modest in scale than the wealth taxes proposed in the past by Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. But it would still raise a significant amount of money – an estimated \$360 billion over a decade, according to the White House – for what is

otherwise a relatively low tax rate on the wealthiest households, many of which would still, indefensibly, be paying a lower marginal income tax rate than households that make roughly \$80,000 a year.

Biden’s budget also proposes increased funding for the Internal Revenue Service, a crucial step toward raising revenue for the federal government, which loses an estimated \$600 billion a year in unpaid taxes due to unreported income from rich individuals and large corporations. Boosting funding for the agency would stymie this kind of tax fraud by allowing it to better audit companies and the wealthy.

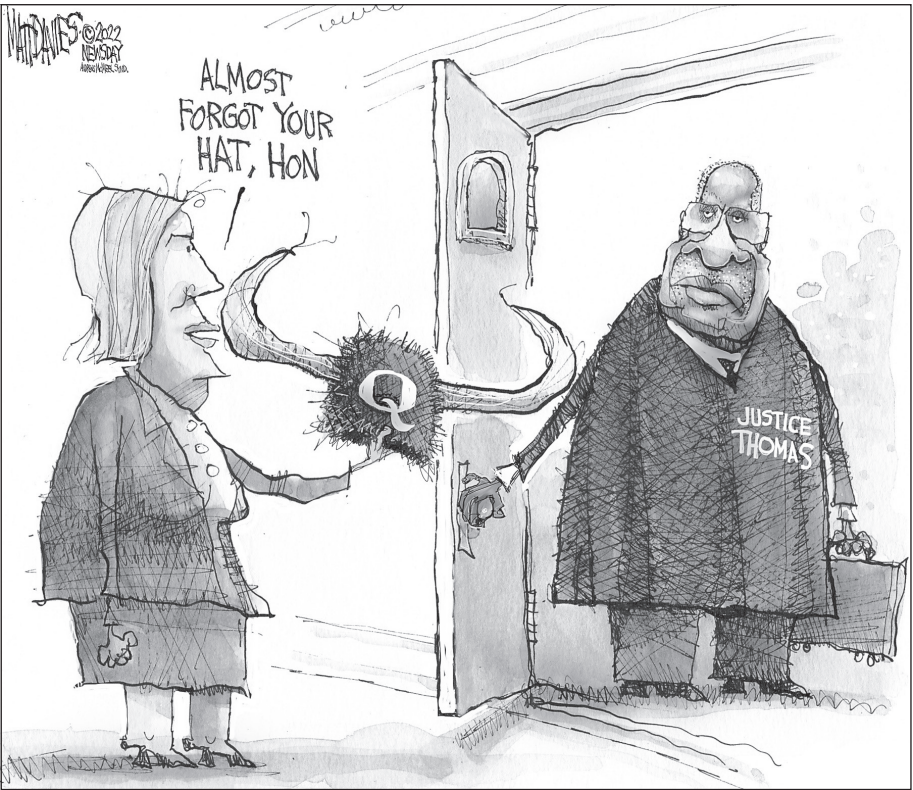
Biden’s tax proposals aren’t as ambitious as they ought to be, but they are a step in the right direction. Income and wealth inequality has been rising for decades, and the Trump tax cuts have only contributed to that growth. Imposing a minimum tax on billionaires is a bare-minimum step toward addressing to-

day’s yawning wealth gap.

Since Biden announced his promising tax proposals, however, Manchin has decided to dump cold water on the idea of a tax on unrealized gains of the wealthiest Americans. But that doesn’t mean Democrats or the president should not continue to push for it. Back in December, Manchin supported a tax on billionaires during his negotiations with the White House on Build Back Better. And there’s no realistic way to target billionaires’ wealth without taxing their liquid assets in some form.

If Republicans win back the House, Senate, or both, that could spell the end not only of Biden’s domestic agenda, but of the government’s ability to meaningfully raise revenues for the foreseeable future as well. If Manchin is serious about deficit reduction, then it’s time for him to get serious about raising taxes. The clock is ticking.

*This editorial was first published in the Boston Globe.*



## LETTERS

### April is National Donate Life Month

The Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA) was founded in April 1986 when residents of Bloomington rallied around a toddler who needed a life-saving liver transplant. In less than eight weeks, the community raised more than \$100,000 to place the boy on the organ waiting list. But he died before an organ was found. Those community volunteers, along with his parents, turned tragedy into triumph by using those funds to help other transplant families.

For more than 35 years, COTA has assisted thousands of transplant families by helping to raise funds for a lifetime of transplant-related expenses. COTA has built extensive volunteer networks

across the nation in an attempt to ensure that no child or a young adult needing an organ or tissue transplant is excluded from a transplant waiting list due to lack of funds.

We need your help today to make sure that tragedies, like the one that was the catalyst in founding COTA, are not repeated.

April is National Donate Life Month. Every day, 20 people die in the United States waiting for an organ transplant. Another person is added to the nation’s organ transplant waiting list every 10 minutes. One organ donor can save eight lives. Please visit [www.RegisterMe.org](http://www.RegisterMe.org) and register to be a designated organ and tissue donor.

**Rick Lofgren**  
**President**  
**Children’s Organ Transplant Association**

# A tough two decades for the Hoosier economy

The 21st century has been terribly unkind to Indiana’s economy. Indeed, over the next few paragraphs I will lay out the case that it has been the worst two decades in the state’s economic history, and that prospects for the next two decades are even poorer.

I write this because I believe our political debate about tax and spending would benefit from greater honesty about the subject. I also want to make clear that it is an error to blame one political party or the other for the poor state of the Hoosier economy. Bad luck as much as bad policy has played a role. Adjudicating the past is helpful only in focusing on the present and future.

Today, Indiana has about 75,000 more jobs than we had in 2000, and about 155,000 more residents. But, over the same time, the Indianapolis metro area has about 190,000 new jobs and 200,000 new residents. So, not all of Indiana is doing poorly, and these bright spots blind many to the much broader troubles. Our growth is happening in just a few places, in one large metropolitan region. Everywhere else in the state is either stagnating or in decline.

The slow job and employment growth signals a poor economy, but it masks an even deeper problem. Most of Indiana’s job growth this century has been in low-

wage work. In our largest industry, manufacturing, the only job growth this century has been among workers without a high school diploma. This is an appalling track record that should crush any suspicion that Indiana is having success in advanced manufacturing. Hoosier factories have a worse educational profile today than they did in 1998, the first year of this data source.

Of course, the educational attainment decline in manufacturing has other effects. After adjusting for inflation, wages among Indiana’s manufacturing workers are the same as they were in 1998. Wages for new workers are slightly lower over the same time. Worker productivity among Indiana’s factories grew at half the national rate since 2010, reflecting a structural shift away from a broad manufacturing economy. The job growth is coming at the bottom end of the educational and skill level, which bodes very ill for our biggest industry.

During the long recovery from the Great Recession, the largest job growth came among those without a high school degree. The national conditions could hardly be different. Nationwide, more than 8 in 10 new jobs have been to college graduates. So, Indiana is abruptly diverging from the national economy in education and skills. One consequence of this is that over the past decade Hoosier incomes have dropped more relative to the nation as a whole over than in any time in history.

These sort of changes

do turn around overnight. There are simply no policy initiatives or fortunate economic conditions that would suggest the Indiana economy will begin to grow at or near the national average. We are behind, and we’re slowing down. So what happened?

Indiana entered the first part of the 21st century unprepared for a big loss of manufacturing jobs and the economic dislocation that accompanied it. There was very little of Indiana to recommend to businesses or residents. Taxes weren’t high, but public services were nothing to brag about. Heavy union presence in made many places unpalatable to large employers. But, as the jobs left, taxes rose abruptly. By 2006, Hoosier manufacturers were paying the 38th highest taxes in the country, and homeowners were being clobbered by rapidly growing property taxes.

To be fair, the states policymakers were long warned about unfriendly business conditions, poor public services and high taxes. Economists in the 1990s were pretty clear about the state’s problems, but political leaders told themselves and their supporters happy stories and brushed aside the criticisms about deeper economic problems. By the mid 2000s, the loss of factory jobs and broad disruption provided an opening for major political change.

Governor Daniels swept into office to accomplish just that. He reformed taxes, pushed state and local government to perform better and gave Hoosiers

school choice. He set ambitious standards for college completion and per capita income growth. My research concluded that Indiana suffered a far easier Great Recession than it should have because of these policies.

The Pence Administration remained fiscally prudent, but also added policies that acknowledged remaining challenges. He expanded Medicaid through the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) and he instituted one of the more thoughtfully development programs in the nation – the Regional Cities Initiative. Governor Holcomb continued these policies, including a major new adjustments to the regional cities work in the READI grant.

Somewhere along the way something soured.

First, there was a push to introduce more vocational education options for Hoosier high school students. This was smart in theory; college is not for everyone, and a high school curriculum that prepares only for college will shortchange many students. However, in practice, it was a grave mistake that saw vocational education choices pushed to kids as young as 11 or 12. The aspirational goals of higher education set by Mitch Daniels were so diluted that we saw a rapid decline in the share of our kids heading off to college.

We are now in Year Five of that decline, which was exacerbated by COVID. Not all the impact was caused by bad messaging to kids or curriculum changes. Beginning in 2010, spend-

ing on education began to decline. It dropped in inflation-adjusted terms and on a per student basis, both for K-12 and post-secondary education. From 2010 to 2019, state spending on education shrank from 3.24 percent of our Gross Domestic Product to 2.76 percent.

If we spent the same share of GDP on education that we did in 2010, our budget would be \$1.8 billion higher per year. And, the state just passed a tax cut that will trim a further \$500 million per year from schools and colleges. It is worth noting that spending on TANF and Medicaid rose by 50 percent over the same time. We are good at spending money to treat the symptoms of poverty, but doing poorly at spending to treat the cause of poverty.

Together, I believe the modest push away from college preparation and the much larger budget cuts set the stage for more problems. As readers of this column know, the quality of public schools is the prime element of relocation decisions by families. In 2018, the Republican Congressional Joint Economic Committee published a study of brain drain that revealed Indiana was in the midst of its worst decade in history. There’s no evidence of improvement. And, as Indiana begins the COVID recovery, we do so with an economy with worse underlying basic conditions, which bodes poorly for the decades to come.

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Friends of the NMPL plan Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) have planned a Spring Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 14 through Saturday, April 16 at 405 N. Market St., North Manchester, according to a press release. For more information, call 260-982-2449.

Western square dance lessons offered

Western square dance lessons will be held during the spring this year, beginning on Saturday, April 9 in North Manchester. The lessons are being sponsored by the Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club. The lessons will be open to beginners for three weeks on Saturdays, April 9, 16, and 23 in the Scout Hall in Warvel Park, at 7th and Market streets in North Manchester. The square dance lessons will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The first lesson is free. Subsequent lessons are \$3 per person. Lessons will move to Sunday afternoons in May and June. Everyone is invited to join the fun – couples and singles, young and older. All are welcome. For more information, call 260-215-3694 or 260-982-2814 or email [rjschroll@manchester.edu](mailto:rjschroll@manchester.edu).

Wabash County Board of Health to hold quarterly meeting

The Wabash County Board of Health will hold its quarterly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 at the Wabash County Courthouse’s EMA Room, 1 W. Hill St., according to Wabash County Health Department office manager and deputy registrar Kathy Lower. For more information, call 260-563-0661, ext. 1248.

Woman’s Clubhouse plans April luncheon

“Travel back in time” at the luncheon and program at noon Tuesday, April 12, at the Woman’s Clubhouse, 770 W. Hill St. Doug Lehman will present a program on the Chautauqua movement throughout the U.S. and its history in Wabash during the late 19th and 20th centuries. Reservations may be made no later than Friday, April 8 by calling Jody LaSalle at 619-990-7088 or Mary DeLauter at 260-563-6613.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold April meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be on Mary Ball Washington, mother of George Washington, presented by Indiana DAR state recording secretary Cathy Reedy. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held

Tuesdays, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://facebook.com/upperwabash).

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, April 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, April 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit [www.curehunger.org](http://www.curehunger.org), [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](http://classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

GWC investors invited to an exclusive event with local legislators

Grow Wabash County (GWC) would like to extend an invitation to all of its current investors to attend an exclusive Legislative Wrap-Up event with local legislators and the Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the Grow Wabash County conference room, 214 S. Wabash St. This is event is free and exclusively reserved for Grow Wabash County investors. Registration for this event can be found by visiting [members.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar/](http://members.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar/) or by emailing at [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com) or calling 260-563-5258. The guest speakers for this event will be Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw, Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, and Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana president and CEO Bill Konyha. If any investor has questions for the guests, they will be encouraged to ask them during the event, or they can be sent ahead of time by email.

Grow Wabash County to celebrate Wabash County’s top graduates

Grow Wabash County (GWC) will recognize some of Wabash County’s top academic students at the 2022 Honor Student Luncheon on Thursday, April 14. Local businesses, colleges, universities and employers interested in sponsoring students and showing your support for the next generation of talent in Wabash County can do so by visiting [www.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/events/calendar), emailing [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com) or calling 260-563-5258.

Money Smart Program to be held at the Wabash County YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the upcoming Lunch and Learn Program. The Lunch and Learn Program is free for the community and begins starting from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. The program will be held monthly on the third Tuesday of every

month, through Jan. 17, 2023. Participation is limited to 14 guests. Register by calling 260-563-9622 or emailing [jthibos@wabashcountymca.org](mailto:jthibos@wabashcountymca.org). Participants will receive a free lunch on behalf of Crossroads Bank and will have the opportunity to learn about financial management. Topics include credit reports and scores, buying a home, how to budget, managing debt and more. To learn more about the Wabash County YMCA, visit [www.wabashcountymca.org](http://www.wabashcountymca.org) or email [pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org](mailto:pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org). Learn more about the Wabash County YMCA job offerings at [www.wabashcountymca.org/jobs](http://www.wabashcountymca.org/jobs). To make a tax-deductible donation “to support the Y’s cause of strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility,” visit [www.wabashcountymca.org/donate](http://www.wabashcountymca.org/donate) or email [jdriskill@wabashcountymca.org](mailto:jdriskill@wabashcountymca.org).

Salamonie ‘Twens Among the Trees’ Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesday, April 20. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://facebook.com/upperwabash).

WACT to host spring production of ‘The Dining Room’

The Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) spring production, “The Dining Room” by A.R. Gurney will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13; at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. Tickets will be available at the door. Those who are interested in making a gift, but would like more information, may contact Bev Vanderpool by email at [vanderpob@yahoo.com](mailto:vanderpob@yahoo.com) or call 765-661-8206; or contact Board Member Beth Miller by email at [beth@wabashmillers.com](mailto:beth@wabashmillers.com) or by calling 260-568-1128.

Twelve Mile ‘Swing Into Spring’ Craft Show planned

A “Swing Into Spring” Craft Show has been planned from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at the Twelve Mile Community Building, 7913 E. Indiana 16, Twelve Mile. All artisan, craft and vendors will be available. Breakfast and lunch will be available at the Firehouse Cafe, 8060 E. Indiana 16, Twelve Mile.

Beacon Credit Union kicks off its 11th annual Project Spotlight

Everyone in the community, not just Beacon Credit Union members, is invited to nominate worthwhile charitable organizations, community projects and local nonprof-

its that they believe deserve financial support through May 31. Nominations can be submitted by visiting [www.beaconcu.org](http://www.beaconcu.org) or at a Member Center. Beginning July 1, the public can start voting for their favorite cause. Voters are allowed to vote once per day per community online or in a Member Center. After voting online the public may share to social media to let others know that they have voted and encourage others to vote for their favorite cause. Voting will end on July 31. The project in each community that receives the most votes will win \$1,000 of funding from Beacon Credit Union. The second-place winners will receive \$500 of funding, and a third-place winner will be randomly drawn to receive \$250 of funding.

Guardian Warriors seeks to raise funds through shoe donations

The Guardian Warriors shoe drive, which lasts through May 31, will ultimately earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected. Their goal is to collect 2,500 shoes. Funds2Orgs will purchase all the donated footwear. The shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations. Those who are interested in donating shoes may send them through the mail to 3789 W. 100 South, Wabash, IN 46992, or call 765-244-8360. They will also have pick-up dates available from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 1 and Saturday, May 7 at the Miami County Fairgrounds, 1029 W. 200 North, Peru.

Indiana American Water flushing Wabash water mains

Indiana American Water is conducting water main flushing in the Wabash service area from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, June 3. No interruptions in water service are anticipated as a result of the work. Customers may experience a slight drop in water pressure or temporary water discoloration while this program is underway. Customers should refrain from doing laundry during the time of day the flushing program is taking place in or near their neighborhood. If tap water is discolored, Indiana American Water recommends allowing several cold-water faucets to run for a short time until the water runs clear. Using more than one faucet allows the water to clear more quickly. For more information, call 800-492-8373.

Huntington University men’s basketball camps planned

Huntington University will be hosting the Forester Basketball Camp and Steve Alford Basketball Camp this summer, said assistant men’s basketball coach Ryan Strohm. The Huntington University men’s basketball program will be hosting the Forester Basketball Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 13 to 16, with lunch included for \$150; and the Steve Alford Basketball Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20 to

23, with lunch included for \$200. To register, visit <https://www.huathletics.com/camps>. For more information, email [rstrohm@huntington.edu](mailto:rstrohm@huntington.edu) or call 260-359-4313.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org), call 260-571-5235 or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver Support Group available at YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the new Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver Support Group in conjunction with Bickford Senior Living held at the YMCA. Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver Support Group is free to the public and will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. Caregivers and family members will share, support, and learn together as they care for a loved one with memory loss. For more information, email [brobinson@wabashcountymca.org](mailto:brobinson@wabashcountymca.org), [pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org](mailto:pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org) or [wabashlec@bickfordseniorliving.com](mailto:wabashlec@bickfordseniorliving.com) or visit [www.wabashcountymca.org](http://www.wabashcountymca.org).

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

Spring programming announced at the Wabash County YMCA

STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County YMCA has announced spring programming at the Field of Dreams and the Cass Street locations, said CEO Dean Gogolewski.

“We are excited to start the spring sports season for youth programming to keep our youth engaged in activities that teach determination, hard work, and good sportsmanship,” said Gogolewski. “It’s with your support we can continue building a stronger Wabash County.”

Gogolewski said children may stay busy with a variety of spring programming options.

“Hurry and sign up for soccer up to eighth grade, T-ball and coach pitch for ages 4 to 7 and machine pitch and softball ages 8 and up,” said Gogolewski.

Leagues will be first- and second-graders, third- and fourth-graders and fifth- and sixth-graders.

Registration is now open and ends on Saturday, April 9.

Monthly youth programs include swim lessons, gymnastics and karate.

“We have a new program in April, the indoor baseball clinic, which will gear your kids up for the spring season,” said Gogolewski. “Group exercise classes such as group cycling, pure pump, yoga, pickleball, silver splash and more are just a few classes included in your membership. Also, don’t forget we have adult pick-up volleyball to members on Friday nights. We have a new program rolling out in the spring, trail buddies, which invites people who are unable to pedal a bike independently or have a disability to go for a ride in the fresh air using our specialized bike – the duet bike. Another new program is our 12-week health coaching program by our certified health coach Sarah Carpenter will consist of one-on-one sessions, a customized exercise program, nutrition coaching and so much more. This paid program is available to members and non-members.”

For more information, email [scarpenter@wabashcountymca.org](mailto:scarpenter@wabashcountymca.org).

Current career opportunities include youth development summer, lifeguards, wellness attendants, member services and child watch.

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Luann Layman, Treasurer, Wabash County

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	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.4096</b>	<b>0.4096</b>	<b>0.4096</b>	<b>0.4096</b>	<b>0.4096</b>	<b>0.4096</b>	<b>0.4096</b>	<b>0.4096</b>	<b>0.4096</b>	<b>0.4096</b>	<b>0.4096</b>	<b>0.4096</b>	<b>0.4096</b>
	Township Assistance	0.0000	0.0000	0.0146	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0109	0.0004
	Township Cumulative Fire	0.0132	0.0000	0.0319	0.0000	0.0145	0.0000	0.0199	0.0000	0.0000	0.0133	0.0000	0.0134	0.0000
	Township Fire Equip. Debt	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Township Fire fighting	0.1173	0.0000	0.1661	0.0000	0.0411	0.0000	0.0532	0.0000	0.0000	0.0225	0.0000	0.0665	0.0163
TOWNSHIP	Township General	0.0000	0.0000	0.0146	0.0000	0.0267	0.0000	0.0162	0.0000	0.0000	0.0370	0.0000	0.0109	0.0160
	Township Library General	0.0069	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Township Recreation	0.0010	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0056	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.1384</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.2272</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0823</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0893</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0784</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.1017</b>	<b>0.0327</b>
	School Bus Replacement	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Operations	0.5240	0.5240	0.5799	0.5799	0.5799	0.5799	0.5799	0.5799	0.8131	0.5799	0.5799	0.5240	0.5799
	School Debt Service	0.3635	0.3635	0.2561	0.2561	0.2561	0.2561	0.2561	0.2561	0.7239	0.2561	0.2561	0.3635	0.2561
	School Pension Debt	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Education	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.8875</b>	<b>0.8875</b>	<b>0.8360</b>	<b>0.8360</b>	<b>0.8360</b>	<b>0.8360</b>	<b>0.8360</b>	<b>0.8360</b>	<b>1.5370</b>	<b>0.8360</b>	<b>0.8360</b>	<b>0.8875</b>	<b>0.8360</b>
SCHOOL	Library General	0.0000	0.1975	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.1897	0.1897	0.0478	0.0478	0.0000	0.0000
LIBRARY	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.1975</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.1897</b>	<b>0.1897</b>	<b>0.0478</b>	<b>0.0478</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>
CITY/TOWN	Corporation Aviation	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0565	0.0565	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Corporation Cum Capital Dev	0.0000	0.0443	0.0000	0.0489	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Corporation Cum Fire	0.0000	0.0277	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0286	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Corporation Debt Service	0.0000	0.1246	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Corporation Fire Fighting	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.2085	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Corporation General	0.0000	0.5762	0.0000	1.4173	0.0000	0.1106	0.0000	1.2814	1.2814	0.0000	1.1810	0.0000	0.0000
	Corporation Parks & Rec.	0.0000	0.4878	0.0000	0.1409	0.0000	0.0782	0.0000	0.1382	0.1382	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Corporation Street(MVH)	0.0000	0.2042	0.0000	0.0867	0.0000	0.8774	0.0000	0.4512	0.4512	0.0000	0.1678	0.0000	0.0000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>1.4648</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>1.6938</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>1.3033</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>1.9273</b>	<b>1.9273</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>1.3488</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>
	Township Assistance	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0146	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Township	Township General	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0146	0.0000	0.0267	0.0000	0.0162	0.0162	0.0000	0.0370	0.0000	0.0000
	Township Recreation	0.0000	0.0010	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0056	0.0000	0.0000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0010</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0292</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0267</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0162</b>	<b>0.0162</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0426</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>
	<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>1.4355</b>	<b>2.9604</b>	<b>1.4728</b>	<b>2.9686</b>	<b>1.3279</b>	<b>2.5756</b>	<b>1.3349</b>	<b>3.3788</b>	<b>4.0798</b>	<b>1.3718</b>	<b>2.6848</b>	<b>1.3988</b>	<b>1.2783</b>
<div><div>2021 pay 2022 Credit for all Taxing Units</div><div>LIT All Prop 3.93%</div><div>LIT 1% 16.33%</div><div>LIT Res Prop 9.36%</div><div><b>STATE OF INDIANA, WABASH COUNTY SS:</b> I, Marcie Shepherd, Auditor of Wabash County, hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of all taxes levied for the taxes collectible in the year 2022. Dated this 15 day of March, 2022</div><div>Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor</div><div>March 23, 30, &amp; April 6, 2022</div><div>HSPAXLP.03/23,03/30,04/06/2022</div></div>														

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## WHS BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK TEAMS DEFEAT NORTH MIAMI ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, BY 64-50 AND 76-28, RESPECTIVELY



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

Apache distance runner Jonas Church anchors the fourth leg of the boys 4x100 meter competition finishing with a winning time of 9 minutes and 54 seconds. Church would also take top honors in the 3200-meter run pacing Wabash to its TRC victory over visiting North Miami on Wednesday, March 30.



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Apache hurdler Kierra Wilson wins in the girls 100 meter hurdles.



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Apache hurdler Spencer Stout wins in the boys 100 meter hurdles.



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Apache sophomore Cali Kugler took top honors in the girl's 1600-meter run.



**ABOVE:** Apache and Warrior runners head for home in the final leg of the boys 4x100 competition.

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**RIGHT:** Wabash's Natalie Adams rounds the turn as she wins the 400-meter dash in a time of 106.6 seconds.

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**ABOVE:** Wabash sprinter Troy Guenin-Hodson finishes first in the boys 100 meter dash Wednesday, March 30 with Wabash out pacing the North Miami Warriors 64-50 in overall points.

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**LEFT:** The Apaches' Spencer Stout hands the baton to Kaden Vogel en route to Wabash's final win of the day in the boys 4x400 relay.

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# Manchester baseball earns doubleheader sweep at Hanover to begin HCAC play

Spartans take down Panthers by identical scores of 6-2

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester baseball team started Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play off on the right foot after collecting a pair of wins at Hanover College on Saturday, April 2.

The Spartans took down the Panthers by identical scores of 6-2.

Manchester got some outstanding pitching in the opening game by seniors Carter Hooks, from Rochester, and Austin Kresl, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School. Hooks pitched eight innings and scattered five hits while striking out six Panthers. Kresl entered the game in the bottom of the ninth in-

ning and allowed just one hit while striking out a pair to seal the win.

The Spartans hit three sac flies in Game 1 against the Panthers.

In the sixth inning, Zach White, from Logansport, connected on an RBI double to left.

Later in the ninth, Manchester would collect a pair of insurance runs following an RBI double by Cole Filson, from Plymouth, and an RBI single by Aidan Stevens, from Rensselaer and Rensselaer Central High School.

Rocco Hanes, from Os-sian and Norwell High School, added a 3-5 performance at the plate in the opener on Saturday.

Aidan Stevens led the Spartans' offensive efforts in the second game of the day with a 4-5 performance at the plate. Stevens homered in his first at-bat, scored three times, and stole a base. Stevens also

had two RBI.

Harrison Pittsford, Gavin Gleason, and Cole Filson also drove in runs in Game 2.

Brett Wathen, from Os-sian and Norwell High School, pitched 5.2 innings to earn his second win of the season. Wathen allowed just two runs on four hits.

Peyton Jackson, from Brownsburg and Browns-burg High School, and Austin Kresl were sharp out of the bullpen for the Black and Gold in Game 2. Jackson allowed just one hit and struck out a pair in 1.1 innings worth of work. Kresl earned his first save of the season after tossing two scoreless innings.

The Spartans (5-10, 2-0 HCAC) returned to the di-amond on Tuesday, April 5 with another HCAC doubleheader at Bluffton.

*Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*



Manchester got some outstanding pitching in the opening game from senior Carter Hooks, from Rochester.

# Transylvania tops Manchester in HCAC softball action on Saturday



The Manchester University softball team dropped its Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) openers at Transylvania University on Saturday, April 2.

## Manchester to host Bluffton on Wednesday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University softball team dropped its Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) openers at Transylvania University on Saturday, April 2. The host Pioneers edged the Spartans in the opening game of the day by a final score of 5-2. Transylvania would complete the double-header sweep with an 11-1 win in five innings in the second contest of the afternoon.

In the opening game of the day, the Black and Gold would score a pair of runs in the fourth inning.

First-year Julianne Gosnell, from Amboy and Oak Hill High School, smacked an RBI triple.

Sophomore Brook Reaves, from Kokomo, would then follow with an RBI ground-out.

Five different Spartans recorded a hit in the opening game at Transylvania.

Tori Blough, from Hunt-ertown and Carroll High School, allowed five runs on 10 hits in six innings in the pitcher's circle. Blough did not issue any walks on Saturday afternoon.

Transylvania jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the second game of the afternoon after scoring three runs in the home half of the first inning and six runs in the third.

The Pioneers would add two

more runs in the second game.

The Black and Gold offense was held in check in the second game as Pioneer pitcher Marlee Woodard allowed just one run on three hits in five innings of work.

Brianna Morrow, from Atlanta, Illinois, and Olympia High School, drove in the lone run of the second game for Manchester in the top of the fourth inning.

Manchester (8-14, 0-2 HCAC) will return to the MU Softball Field on Wednesday, April 6 to host Bluffton University in another HCAC doubleheader.

First pitch against the Beavers is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

*Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

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